(b) if so, whether the pilot project is being taken up under the Centre's Gyan Vahini Scheme; and

(c) if so, the broad features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. As per information received from M/o Communications & Information Technology, the Department of Information Technology proposes to extend the Vidya Vahini Project to 20 Government/Government-aided schools in each of the three regions, namely Kashmir Valley, Jammu Region and Ladakh Region in Jammu & Kashmir State.

The Vidya Vahini Project envisages setting up of a computer lab consisting of 10 personal computers, computer server, 29" colour TV, network printer and Internet connectivity of 128 kbps through Broadband VSAT in each of the schools. One training lab is also proposed to be set up in each district to train the teachers in computer applications, course development and other technology related aspects.

UNDP Human Development Index

1416. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government are aware of the fact that India has slipped by three notches from 124 to 127 in its ranking on the United Nations Development Programme's (UNDP) Human Development Index (HDI); and

(b) if so, the corrective measures proposed by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The strategies to achieve higher levels of human development at the national level and at the state level and to reduce inter regional disparities in levels of attainment has been suitably incorporated in the Tenth Five Year Plan.